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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, 4th April, 1889.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MAY 7, 1889.

Our local missionary contemporary is decidedly true to its cloth, and in its sweeping crusade against Sunday labour, it has spared no argument, however fallacious or untenable, to denounce the imaginary evil which besets it. In yesterday's issue the Mail grapples with a bit of Sunday amusement at Kowloon, and runs full tilt against it, mistaking Volunteer shooting practice for Sunday labour. Governor des Vaux is plainly told that, as Defender of the Faith, he should never have sanctioned shooting at the Kowloon ranges on the Sabbath, that he should have conformed to the doctrine of the Church of England in all matters appertaining to the observance of that holy day; in a word, that he should have adopted the opinion of the *China Mail* rather than have followed his own bias in deciding about the merits or demerits of Sunday labour in the Colony. It is needless to remark that the public will find an inexhaustible fund of amusement in the novel task the *China Mail* has undertaken of being the spiritual director of Governor des Vaux! We have always understood that the administration of a city or of a country should never be made subject to political interests or the influence of parties, and it remained for the *China Mail* to inform us that religion and religious considerations should weigh most in the minds of our earthly rulers and guide their actions! To assert on the very threshold of the twentieth century that the Governor of a colony like Hongkong should conform to the very narrow-minded and practically obsolete doctrine of the Church of England in deciding about the advisability of stopping or allowing Sunday labour, is to us about the most hopeless case of mental aberration we have ever come across. Religion has nothing whatever in common with the temporal affairs of the State. In no civilised country on the face of the globe has Sunday labour been legislated against in modern days with penalties of fine and imprisonment. If odious restrictions exist in the Philippine Archipelago, and in some countries on the Continent of Europe, they are the outcome of religious intolerance and popular superstition, and are consequently exceptions to the general rule. Labour being the direct product of individual liberty, no free Government will ever sanction its stoppage on any particular day of the week on religious grounds. To the missionary classes whose share of work is one of the lightest in the way Society is at present constituted, the stoppage of Sunday labour induces them to indulge in a weekly spurt of pulpity activity; but let us remember that this is no reason at all why labour should be forcibly stopped on Sundays by special legal enactments. The fundamental reason of the proposed restriction is confined in the Mosaic

injunction to rest on the Sabbath, because the Creator, having made the heavens and earth in six days, is alleged to have rested on the seventh. We think no more puerile reason for the cessation of Sunday labour could be adduced than this Scriptural piece of concentrated nonsense. It would be curious to know what we have, or should have in common with the doctrines and customs of a nation which bears not the slightest racial affinity with our own, doctrines and practices which were repeatedly censured and trampled under foot by the very founder of Christianity!

If we waive the religious side of the question, and consider the advisability of forcibly stopping all labour on Sundays from a sanitary, hygienic or social point of view, we shall find ample grounds to justify the required abolition; but sanitary, hygienic and social advantages must in many cases be made subservient to economical motives; freedom of labour, which is above all economical advantages, is *per se* intolerant of any restrictions placed against the full scope of its activity. If Sunday labour is to be stopped at all in Hongkong, it will have to be stopped by the labourers themselves; no law, no Governor, no tetrarch, will ever abolish the use of that precious gift which is inseparable from human nature—liberty of action.

## TELEGRAMS.

## THE CONSOLS.

LONDON, April 27th.

The Treasury offers to redeem fifteen millions of the outstanding consols on 14th May at 100.

THE KING OF THE NETHERLANDS.

The King, by the advice of his physicians, will probably go abroad on 3rd of May. His complete recovery is expected.

## THE SOCIETE DES METAUX.

April 29th.

The report of the official liquidator shows a deficit of 121 millions of francs.

[The Société des Métaux consisted of certain private firms amalgamated into one concern, and with a capital of one million sterling. There were rumours of the Society's capital being increased, but of that we have no definite information. The deficit of nearly five millions sterling practically falls on the Comptoir d'Escompte.]

## BOULANGER.

General Boulanger has taken a house in London.

## HOLLAND.

The Dutch Government will to-morrow request the Chambers to abandon the Regency Bill, since the King is now quite capable of governing.

## THE ONE THOUSAND GUINEAS.

May 5th.

THE ONE THOUSAND GUINEAS STAKES, a subscription of 100 sovs. each, half forfeit, for three years old fillies, 8st. 12lb. each; the owner of the second filly to receive 200 sovs. out of the stakes, and the third to save her stake; Rowley mile—48 subs.

Mr. Viner's b. f. Minthe, by Camballo—Mint Sauce.

Mr. E. Berzon's b. f. Winkle, by Mowcaster—Jennie Winkle.

Lord Cadogan's b. f. Polka, by Galopin—Masurka.

## THE OPIUM TRADE WITH CHINA.

Mr. Smith introduced a motion against the opium trade with China, and advocated the re-imposition of the cotton duties.

Sir John Gorst opposed the motion on financial and commercial grounds, and because the Chinese Government would deal with the question on moral principles.

The House of Commons negatived the motion by 76 votes.

[The Mr. Smith above referred to is doubtless Mr. Samuel Smith, member for Flintshire.—Ed.]

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Merlin* arrived at Shanghai on the 30th ult.

H.M.S. *Swift* left Shanghai for Chinkiang on the 3rd inst.

HERR VON BRANDT, German Minister to China, arrived this morning by the steamship *Bayern* from Shanghai.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board, to be held to-morrow, the 8th inst., the Re-letting of contracts will be considered.

We are requested to state that there will be no Polo game to-morrow. In future Polo days will be Tuesdays and Saturdays, the play commencing at 5 p.m.

ALGERNON (sitting on sofa): "Clara, this is bliss!" (Kisses.) Clara (also on sofa): "Algy, this is heaven!" (Kisses.) New parrot (in cage): "Yah! This is h—"

A REGULAR meeting of St. John's Lodge, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Saturday, the 11th inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

THE Superintendent of the E. & O. S. N. Co. courteously informs us that the steamship *Swift*, with the next English mail, left Singapore yesterday at 5.30 p.m. for this port, and is expected on Sunday, the 12th inst.

SAYS the *Chinese Times* of the 27th ult.:—The work of removing the Railway bridge goes on very slowly. After seven days' labour one of the 52 piles, driven about 30ft. into the river bed, has been lifted only 6ft. Notwithstanding the obstruction of the two salt junks used in the up-rooting of the piles, which leaves only room for one junk to pass bound either up or down, twenty-five Kiangsu and Ningpo junks passed down yesterday.

H.M.S. *Firebrand* was expected to arrive at Shanghai from Chinkiang on the 5th inst.

The China Mutual Shippers' steamer *Mayana* was under orders to leave Shanghai for Hankow yesterday, to load the new season's teas for London.

We are informed by the agent of the Messageries Maritimes that the Company's steamer *Oxus*, with the next French mail, left Saigon at 4 p.m. to-day for this port.

The Shanghai Mercury hears that Yuan, the Chinese Resident at Seoul, has been recalled in disgrace by Li Hong-chang, and has already started for Tientsin.

MR. Risthelhuber, French Consul at Tientsin, and Madame Risthelhuber, arrived this forenoon from Shanghai by the Messageries Maritimes steamer *Irakoudy*, en route for France.

THE ship canal to connect Manchester with Liverpool is being rapidly constructed, 10,000 men and a great number of steam excavators being engaged upon it. The canal will be 35 miles long, 26 feet deep, and 120 feet wide at the bottom.

EPICURES with whom Chartreuse is a favorite liqueur, should consider the advice of a monk, given recently to a visitor: "You want to drink good Chartreuse? I will give you the recipe—two thirds yellow and one-third green in the same glass. You will thank me for the hint."

By a printer's error in our editorial of yesterday, we are made to say that the London *Times* was paid a high price for circulating falsehoods regarding Governor Hennessy. Of course it should have read that the *Times* had to pay a high price for indulging, etc. The amount, we believe, was close on £10,000.

FOREIGNERS as a rule, says the *N. C. Daily News*, have a poor opinion of Chinese engineering skill, but when occasion requires the natives are found equal to it. A few days ago, a tug in the Peiho sank a salt junk. The accident happened at 4 a.m. but by 3 a.m. of the same day, the junk had been raised and deposited on the bank.

THE *Strait Times* of the 30th ult., has the following:—"Mr. Harper, in his circular yesterday, mentions that Rawangs were weak on the whisper that the Directors don't mean to pay a dividend. It was rumoured some days ago that they would pay 10 per cent." By turning to our issue of April 8th, it may be seen that the sum available for dividend is £25,595—the capital being £80,732. Still as the Company has too little capital, and has liabilities which in our judgment, are inconveniently large, the policy of not paying a dividend, and carrying forward the balance, would be a commendable one.

SAYS the *Sydney Bulletin*:—"The people of Deniliquin seem to be up in arms against Mr. Justice Windeyer for his rudeness of speech and, generally, for his unseemly conduct in the exercise of his high office. For years the *Bulletin* has had the duty forced upon it of bringing before the public the utter unfitness of this official to occupy a seat on the judicial bench. Should he be allowed to occupy his present position without at the same time withdrawing from a course of conduct already associated with at least one scandalous perversion of justice, the Supreme Court of the colony will be degraded past redemption. The apparently justifiable comments made by a dozen or more country newspapers on this Judge's method of conducting business on the Western Circuit were, notwithstanding, brought under the notice of the Minister of Justice of the day and of the Chief Justice, but apparently without result. That anyone who dared to conduct a judicial hearing involving the lives of citizens, in the manner in which Judge Windeyer conducted the Mount Rennie case, could have been allowed to remain on the judicial bench for one instant is a reproach to Australia."

A GREAT deal of Billingsgate logic has lately been exchanged between the Shanghai *Progress* and some members of the so-called Portuguese community of the Model Settlement. The bone of contention appears to have been some Macao correspondence which was published in the columns of the *Progress*, and which a Mr. Lubeck, a rising poet from the home of Cambrés thought advisable to contradict. Finding the columns of the Portuguese newspaper closed to his rising star, this self-constituted critic took to publishing his own independent sheet, and week in, week out, his "Ao Publico" published under the pseudonym of "Tio" has been the current literature of the Macao rank, wit, and beauty that grace the banks of the Whangpoo. We have seen some specimens of these lampoons, and wondered what on earth keeps the Portuguese copying-clerks of Shanghai so idle as to allow them time to indulge in such a vile style of personal recrimination and abuse. We have always questioned the usefulness of Portuguese newspapers in Shanghai, where readers of the Lusitanian language are so few and far between, and are rather surprised that lampoons and parodies written in a dubious *lingua*, and teeming with personal allusions of a very Macao type, should have found favor with the respectable portion of the Portuguese community.

We observe that Mrs. Langtry has introduced a new fashion in evening dress which is creating a woe of a sort among American girls who seek to follow in her footsteps. One of them publishes her agony in this fashion:—"As an anatomical fact, the average English young woman is flat and smooth of breast. Take Mrs. Langtry as an example of what I mean. She is broad of chest and hips and her physique is luxurious except in the upper frontage of the body, which is so built that she can wear a corset so low that an American woman would be arrested for appearing publicly in it. Well, a London burlesque company has caught the swell tone, and the chief female beauty of the organization is of the English and Langtry pattern—a deliciously genuine and shapely creature. Her costumes are all décolletées in a peculiar manner. Her upper arms, shoulders, and throat are covered, but just above where her white opening begins. One day she wore a triangle at the top, and therefore the space of disclosure widens rapidly downward. It is a very curious triangle, and the lower corners of it reach low and wide. Nevertheless, the area of unhidden hide is as smooth as the middle of her back. Now most of our New York girls who are accustomed to copying the stage fashions of English actresses are quite unable to tolerate this particular cut of corset. A plump young friend of mine ordered a waist for a ball dress fashioned in that way. She is accustomed to merely telling her dressmaker what she wants. All the fitting is done on a dummy that is a few *toises* of her own figure, and so she isn't bothered again until the gown is delivered. In this case the dress came home only an hour before it was to be worn for a ball. Her maid helped her into it. The triangular opening just framed a picture that startled its possessor and would have caused a panic in the ball-room—if it had ever appeared there—but it didn't. It was too large an order for even an American girl to show to the public gaze."

A WELL-KNOWN English actress is angry because a manufacturer of false teeth has placarded the town with pictures representing her "before and after" taking a set of his famous teeth. The "before" portrait is the one which makes the lady angry.

A NEW invention which it is said is being introduced in New York, and one which will doubtless interest many ladies, is a harness for pet dogs, with a handle on the back by which they may be lifted. That another long felt want has thus been met seems clear.

"THE hon. member," said the Speaker of the New South Wales Parliament, "is not in order in alluding to the Government as 'these men.' 'You are quite right, Mr. Speaker; they are not men.' 'The hon. member is not in order in retorting the Speaker's words,' said the unimpeachable David Buchanan by name. 'I will you please inform me how I am to classify them? Are they old women?' 'Order, order,' was the Speaker's retort."

OUR Shanghai morning contemporary of the 2nd inst. says:—"A very large assemblage of ladies and gentlemen, comprising not only the leading members, but every section of the community, was present at the presentation of the valedictory address to Mr. and Mrs. Ewen Cameron, at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank yesterday afternoon. Mr. John Macgregor, who made the presentation, delivered an excellent speech, in which he truly voiced the general feelings of the entire community at the loss which Shanghai sustains by the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, and Mr. Cameron, briefly but touchingly replied. We are obliged by pressure on our space to hold over our full report till Monday."

THE Registrar-General's returns of births and deaths for the year 1888, which were presented to the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, show that in the British and foreign community there were 193 births and 249 deaths. The deaths are divided as follows:—Europeans exclusive of Portuguese, 75; Portuguese, 78; Indians, etc., 46; Non-residents, 50. Amongst the Chinese there were 1,469 births and 5,785 deaths. The grand total gives 1,662 births and 6,034 deaths. The annual birth and death rates per thousand for the year are as follows:—British and foreign community (estimated population 10,694), birth-rate 18.05, death rate 23.28; Chinese (estimated population 179,550), birth rate 8.14, death-rate 32.22. Whole population (estimated 190,222, not including the moving population), birth rate 8.73, death-rate 31.72. Of the total of 6,034 deaths 3,013 were due to zymotic diseases, 4,310 constitutional diseases, 1,955 to local diseases, 74 to developmental diseases, 18 to parasitic diseases, 134 to violent deaths, and 287 undiagnosed and unknown.

AN American journalist discoursed on evening dress:—"She was a quently creature, and she sat at the front of a box where the light fell on her with artistic effect of illumination. She was visible to outsiders only as low down as the waist. Her long, white, taper arms were bared to the tops of her magnificent shoulders, where the merest sections of ribbon were seen on her smooth neck. She held a big white feather fan in front of her corset and indolently operated it. From my point of observation, in an opposite box, her bodice was hidden by the fan, from behind which her lovely neck arose and her arms extended. Not a scrap of fabric was in sight. She struck me most alarmingly, as being aloof, their unclad and screening herself behind the plumes of the fan. Of course I realized in an instant that it wasn't so, because two men sat close beside her, and if she had discovered herself in such a plight before her masculine eyes she would have instantly huddled herself down in a heap and yelled like a mad thing. Nevertheless, as the slowly-moving fan was gradually lowered and it did not disclose the beginnings of raiment, I felt a return of my first absurd consternation. Lower and lower went the fan. The bits of ribbons over the shoulders developed into small sprays of flowers, but still no cloth marked the boundary of nudity. The bosom was fair to see, but, hail Columbia! where was its public exposition to end? Suddenly the girl dropped the fan into her lap. 'I was all ready to yell if my fears came true. I felt my eyes start, and I am sure that I turned pale. It began across her breast at a low level, but it was right. The fan had given me an awful scare, though.'

We don't know who Mr. Frank G. Carpenter may happen to be, but it appears that he has been writing "Canton letters" to the San Francisco *Bulletin*. And here is what he says under the heading "The Chinese Baby Traffic":—"I took a ride on the river this afternoon. Canton has about three hundred thousand people who live on the water, and there is no busier city in the world than this city of boats. Crafts of all kinds, from the small steamer, the great Chinese junk and the river cargo-boats to the sampans and little tubs rowed by spoon-like paddles, move here and there on and out through forests of masts. Whole families live on boats about twenty feet long and no wider than the average city vegetable. Here children are born, grow up and die. Marriages take place, and the whole business and actions of life go on. Little children swarm over them, and tots two years old, with queues hanging down their backs, play about the decks. The boys have little round barrels, or drums, about a foot long and six inches in diameter tied by strings to their backs, and many girls of the same size have nothing. If the girl falls overboard it would be good fortune to the poor family to get rid of the expense of raising her, but the boy must have the life-preserver. Poor girls are of no account to Chinese, and infanticide is still common. You can buy a girl baby from one cent up to a dollar, and at the Jesuit children's asylum near Shanghai one of the sisters told me that they bought hundreds of girls every year for less than a dollar apiece. At Foochow Mr. Wingate, our Consul, told me of a poor woman who strangled her own baby girl in order that she might adopt the baby of a neighbour to raise as a wife for her little son, and a missionary there told me of a man who went around peddling children. There is a foundling asylum here, which, upon the payment of 20 cents by the mother, will take a girl baby to raise, but these girls are sold as soon as they grow much past the weaning age, and they are bought in large numbers by brothel-keepers. The selling of girls for wives and concubines is common, and full-grown maidens bring from \$25 upward. I spent a day sitting beside the Chinese judge in the mixed court in Shanghai, and among the cases tried was that of an old woman who wanted to prosecute a mandarin for breaking his contract in the buying of her daughter. The girl was sold for \$30; and the mandarin took her with him to Formosa, but did not pay the mother. Babies are often bought here, their eyes put out, and they are raised as blind beggars."

It sometimes happens that a man ransacks the whole house for a pin, and, unable to find one, drops into a chair in disgust, and is immediately and unexpectedly rewarded for his search.

## THE FOREIGN MAIL STEAMERS' ORDINANCE.

The following correspondence on the above subject was laid before the Legislative Council at the meeting held yesterday afternoon:—

GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG TO SECRETARY OF STATE.  
Government House,  
Hongkong, 8th August, 1888.

MY LORD,—I have the honour, at the request of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, to forward a petition addressed to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, with reference to the Ordinances of the Colony which grant to the French and German Mail steamers the status and privileges of men-of-war.

2.—I forward also two letters from the Chamber in connexion therewith.

3.—I postpone, for the present, the comments which I intend to make upon the petition, inasmuch as their nature will greatly depend on the result of a correspondence, which is now going on, with the Consul for France in this Colony on the subject of the enforcement of process issuing from the local Courts.—I have, &c.,

(Signed) G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX,  
The Right Honourable the Lord Knutsford, G.C.M.G.

[The petition was published at the time it was forwarded.]

CHAIRMAN, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, TO COLONIAL SECRETARY.  
Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce,  
Hongkong, 27th August, 1888.

SIR,—The Chamber of Commerce of Hongkong has always protested against the rights and privileges conferred by annual Ordinances on the French mail steamers, and latterly on the German mail steamers.

These Ordinances are, as appears from the published agenda, to be introduced into the Legislative Council again to-morrow, to be re-acted for another year.

The Chamber begs to repeat its protest, but, as it is about to petition Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen on the subject, it has set out its reasons therefor. Furthermore, these reasons are already well known to the Government.

I have the honour to request that you will lay this letter before His Excellency the Governor at the earliest opportunity.—I have, &c.,

(Signed) P. RYRIE,  
Chairman.  
The Honourable F. Stewart, LL.D., Colonial Secretary.

CHAIRMAN, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, TO COLONIAL SECRETARY.  
Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce,  
Hongkong, 24th September, 1888.

SIR,—Referring to the Chamber's letter of the 27th ultimo, and to previous correspondence on the same subject, I have the honour to deliver to the Committee of this Chamber, to enclose a petition, in triplicate, addressed to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, with reference to the Ordinances of the Colony granting to the steamers of the Messageries Maritimes and Norddeutscher Lloyd's Companies the "status and privileges of men-of-war," and to request that His Excellency the Governor will be good enough to forward the same by the outgoing mail. I have, &c.,

(Signed) P. RYRIE,  
Chairman.  
The Honourable F. Stewart, LL.D., Colonial Secretary.

GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG TO SECRETARY OF STATE.  
Government House,  
Hongkong, 5th November, 1888.

MY LORD,—Referring to the 3rd paragraph of my despatch, No. 270, of the 8th ultimo, regarding the status of the French and German mail steamers, I have now the honour to forward the correspondence therein referred to.

2.—As regards the incidents alleged to have taken place at the French Consulate and on board the Messageries Maritimes steamer *Natal*, I am satisfied that the French Consul's version of the affair is strictly correct; and, if Monsieur Verpey had contented himself with republishing the charges made against him, Your Lordship would not have been troubled with this correspondence. When, however, the Consul for France goes on to state his views of the privileges accorded to French Mail steamers, and virtually makes it a matter for his discretion whether the process of the Supreme Court of the Colony shall be served on the Messageries Maritimes steamers or not, it is impossible for me to follow him in his contention.

3.—In view of the fact that there is, I understand, no real reciprocity in this matter, it is humiliating enough that the exercise of the jurisdiction of our courts within our own waters should be even nominally subject to the discretion of a Foreign Consul. But the case is taken entirely out of the region of sentiment, and involves substantial injury when the Consul claims to make real use of this discretion, by discriminating between process as to what he will, and what he will not support, and plainly indicates as in the latter category, all such as does not happen to be in accordance with the law of France.

4.—Under the circumstances I venture to suggest, as worthy of enquiry and of the consideration of Her Majesty's Government the questions:—

- (1) Whether the privilege of ex-territoriality is in practice extended to British Mail steamers in Foreign ports;
- (2) Even if it is, whether advantage from this privilege does not largely preponderate on the side of Foreign Powers and against Great Britain;
- (3) Whether it is in principle just that this privilege should be extended to vessels competing in respect of cargo and passengers with others which are without it; and
- (4) Even if the privilege must be maintained, whether it should not in the case of France be subject to an arrangement similar to that already made with Germany and described by Lord Rosebery in his despatch to Count Hatfield, dated 25th April, 1886, (copy of which was forwarded for the information of this Government in the Secretary of State's despatch, No. 82, of the 24th June, 1886).—I have, &c.,

(Signed) G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX,  
The Right Honourable the Lord Knutsford, G.C.M.G.

GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG TO SECRETARY OF STATE.  
Government House,  
Hongkong, 21st January, 1889.

MY LORD,—With reference to my despatch, No. 308, of the 5th of November, and to previous

correspondence on the subject of the privilege of ex-territoriality granted to French and German Mail steamers, I deem it right to bring to your Lordship's notice an incident which has recently occurred here, and which, having given rise to some public indignation, was the subject of a question in the Legislative Council.

2.—On the 10th instant a warrant was issued from the Supreme Court of Hongkong for the arrest of one R. C. Passmore, a debtor, I believe, to a considerable amount in this Colony, who had taken passage in, and was actually on board of the Messageries Maritimes steamer *Calcutta*, then on the point of leaving the port. The Acting Registrar of the Supreme Court despatched a bailiff to the French Consul, with the warrant, and a request in writing to facilitate its execution, and accordingly the Consul endorsed the warrant in the following terms:—

"Le porteur est autorisé à arrêter M. R. C. Passmore à bord du Paquebot poste Français *Calcutta*."

to which he subscribed his signature and affixed his official seal.

3.—The bailiff thereupon proceeded to the French mail steamer, where he presented himself to the Captain and producing the warrant explained the cause of his presence on board. The Captain appears to have refused at first to permit the arrest; and when his attention was drawn to the Consul's endorsement upon the warrant, he declared that it did not satisfy him, and required a written order authorizing him to allow Mr. Passmore's removal. Finally, however, having communicated by letter with his Consul, who happened to be at the time on board a French man-of-war, he consented to the arrest being effected, and Passmore accordingly accompanied the bailiff on shore.

4.—It turned out subsequently that the absconding debtor had sufficient funds with him for the payment of all his creditors, and the affair caused special indignation on account of a belief that he would have succeeded in escaping, and in thus defrauding his creditors, but for the accidental presence in the harbour of a French ship of war.

5.—Though this belief has proved to be incorrect, the incident nevertheless serves to illustrate the extent to which the enforcement of law in our own waters is practically within the discretion of foreign shipmasters, and the absurdity of conceding the privilege of ships of war to vessels carrying passengers for hire.

6.—I enclose copies of a letter from the Acting Registrar, reporting the occurrence, and of its enclosures, together with certain minutes relating to this case.—I have, &c.,

(Signed) G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX,  
The Right Hon. the Lord Knutsford, G.C.M.G.

SECRETARY OF STATE TO GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG.  
Downing Street,  
12th March, 1889.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 280, of the 8th of October last, transmitting a petition to the Queen from the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, relative to the privileges enjoyed by Foreign Mail Steamers in British ports.

I request you to inform the petitioners that their petition was laid before Her Majesty, and that the question of these privileges is engaging the attention of Her Majesty's Government, and that a further communication will shortly be made to you on the subject.

I have at same time to inform you that your despatches, noted in the margin, on the same subject, have been duly received and communicated to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.—I have, &c.,

(Signed) KNUTSFORD,  
Governor Sir G. William Des Vœux, K.C. M.G., &c., &c.

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED.

The following is the report of the General Manager, for the year ended the 31st December, 1888, for presentation at the ordinary general meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Hongkong Dispensary, on Monday, the 13th May:—

To the shareholders of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Limited.

Gentlemen,—I now beg to lay before you a Statement of the Company's business, with a Balance Sheet for the year ending the 31st December, 1888.

The result of the year's working compares favourably with that of the previous year, but better results might have been attained if we had had more working room. We have been very much cramped for space in nearly every department and especially so in our manufacturing and export departments. A remedy will be proposed at an Extraordinary General Meeting, and if the Resolutions then put be carried, the Company will possess every facility for the economic conduct and expansion of its business, and have in its own hands all the premises likely to be required for its use in the Colony.

I have thought it desirable to establish an Insurance Fund for covering the risk of Fire at such branches as are uninsurable except at a prohibitive premium, and of Marine risks for local shipments.

I have also taken the precaution of registering the labels of our most valuable proprietary articles under the Trade Marks Ordinance and Home Acts, as the protection of our trade in these articles is a matter of the greatest importance to the Company.

The net profits of the Company for the twelve months under review, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts, and including \$111.47 brought forward from last year, amounts to \$65,481.63. We paid an interim dividend of 64 per cent. in November last, absorbing \$24,700.00, and I now propose to pay a further dividend of 64 per cent. (making 128 per cent. for the year) which will absorb \$24,700.00, to carry \$5,000.00 to the Permanent Reserve Fund, \$5,000.00 to the Reserve Fund to meet contingencies or for liquidating dividends (in accordance with the Clause 16 of Article 11), and \$5,000.00 to a General Insurance Fund, leaving a balance of \$1,081.63 to be carried forward.

The Company's accounts in London have been audited by Messrs. Edward Moore & Son, Chartered Accountants, and those at the Head Office by Mr. A. W. Maitland, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

JNO. D. HUMPHREYS,  
General Manager.  
Hongkong, 4th May, 1889.

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## Amusements.

**VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT.**  
To be given in the  
**HALL OF THE CLUB LUSITANO,**  
ON  
**THURSDAY EVENING,**  
the 9th May, 1889, at 9 P.M.  
BY  
**PUPILS OF SIGNOR CATTANEO,**  
In aid of the Fund for an Organ for the  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.

DIRECTOR.....Messaio CATTANEO.

## PROGRAMME.

- PART I.**  
1.—Stretta Finale, "L'U..."  
2.—Aria (baritone) "Il..."  
3.—Trovatore "Il..."  
4.—Duet (soprano and tenor) "Una notte a Venezia"  
5.—Fantasia on piano-forte, "Auld Lang-syne"  
6.—Ballad (tenor) "Love the Pilgrim"  
7.—Grand aria (soprano) "La Traviata"  
8.—Song (basso) "Piff-paff"  
9.—Sextett—"Lucia di Lammermoor"
- PART II.**  
1.—Comic Quartette "Tutti in Maschera"  
2.—Song—Serenade (Gounod)  
3.—Song—El Tenedor "Carmen"  
4.—Aria and rondo "La Sonnambula"  
5.—Duet (soprano and tenor) "Faust"  
6.—Pianoforte duet—"Semiramide"  
7.—Aria (mezzo-soprano) "La Favorita"  
8.—Ballad (basso) "Oh! oh! hear the wind blow"  
9.—Duet (soprano and baritone) "L'Addio" (Donizetti)

INTERVAL OF 10 MINUTES.

- MESSADAMES I. D'ALMADA E CASTRO AND M. GURDES, and Messrs. R. E. WITHERS and O. BACHRACH.**  
**MISS STOPANI.**  
**MISS D'ALMADA E CASTRO AND M. GURDES.**  
**MISS EDITH CARVALHO AND M. E. W. MATT-LAND.**
- Tickets.....Not less than \$2.00.  
To be obtained from Signor Cattaneo, and at the Lusitano Club the day previous to the Concert.  
Hongkong, 4th May, 1889. [536]

## Auctions.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on  
**THURSDAY,**  
the 9th May, 1889, at 11 A.M., at Messrs. Russell & Co., Kerosine Oil Godowns, Wanchai.  
FOR ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.  
Ex American Ship *Titan*,  
About 28,453 Cases and 887 Drums  
KEROSINE OIL, "STELLA" Brand.  
More or less sea damaged and empty.  
TERMS OF SALE—Cash on delivery.  
G. R. LAMMERT,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 6th May, 1889. [547]

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on  
**MONDAY,**  
the 13th day of May, 1889, at 4 P.M., are published for general information.  
By Command,  
FREDERICK STEWART,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 4th May, 1889. [543]  
Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 13th day of May, 1889, at 4 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Two Lots of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 Years.

No. of Registry	No. of	Locality	N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Annual	Upset
Abdenden	No. 71.	East of Abdenden	600	300	300	300	12000	300
Inland Lot	No. 71.	Village	300	300	300	300	12000	300
			300	300	300	300	12000	300
			300	300	300	300	12000	300
			300	300	300	300	12000	300
			300	300	300	300	12000	300
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			300	300	300	300	12000	300
			300	300	300	300	12000	300
			300	300	300	300	12000	300

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

## Insurances.

**EXAMPLES OF THE COST OF ASSURANCE TO A MAN AGED 30 NEXT BIRTHDAY.**  
**£1,000** STG. payable at death, would cost at the rate of:—  
or £ 6 18 0 per quarter (a) If premiums are payable for whole of life  
or £ 9 11 6 (b) If premiums are limited to 20 years  
or £ 11 4 6 (c) If premiums are limited to 15 years  
or £ 13 0 0 (d) If the Sum Assured is made payable at age 50, or at death if previous.

AFTER being three years in force, each year's payment of premium secures a proportionate part of Sum Assured as explained in Prospectus. For instance: after five years a man Assured under plan 2 would be entitled to a Free Paid-up Policy for 5/20th of Sum Assured, viz. £50, should he wish to discontinue future payments.  
The same provisions if commenced at age 40 a. b. would cost respectively (a) £8.15.0, (b) £11.5.0, (c) £13.2.4, (d) £27.0.8 per quarter.  
Note.—It is an advantage to effect Provisions of this nature early in life. By delay the rate of subscription increases. Death may occur before the Provision is effected, or Health may fall and render the life ineligible for Assurance.

THE BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED,  
Agents,  
659-4] STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

## NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.  
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000  
The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN  
Secretary.  
HEAD OFFICE,  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1889. [532]

## GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).  
CAPITAL TAELS 600,000; \$833,333.33.  
RESERVE FUND.....\$318,000.00.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
DR. SING, Esq. LO YUK MOON, Esq.  
LOU TUNG SHUN, Esq.  
MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES on all parts of the world.  
HEAD OFFICE, 4 & 5 PRAYA WEST,  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1888. [538]

## Intimations.

LADIES RECREATION CLUB.  
MEMBERS are informed, that by kind courtesy of Major VERNER CHATER and the Officers of the A. and S. Highlanders, the Band will play at the Club Grounds, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th and 22nd instant, from 4.30 to 6.30 P.M.  
Hongkong, 6th May, 1889. [546]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.  
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000.  
PAID UP CAPITAL.....2,500,000.  
RESERVE FUND.....1,250,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
Hon. J. J. KESWICK,  
Chairman.  
Hon. C. P. CHATER,  
Vice-Chairman.  
E. A. SOLOMON, Esq.  
J. S. MOSES, Esq.  
C. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq.  
C. C. NOBLE, Esq.  
LEE SING, Esq.  
FOON PONG, Esq.

BANKERS.  
THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

MONEY advanced on Mortgage, on Land, and Buildings.  
Properties purchased and sold.  
Estates Managed and all kinds of Agency and Commission business relating to land, etc., conducted.  
Full particulars can be obtained at the Company's Offices, No. 7, Queen's Road Central.  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary.  
Victoria Buildings,  
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1889. [533]

THE HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.  
NOTICE is hereby given that a Call of \$5 per Share in the above Company was payable on the 25th day of April last, and that all persons not having paid the amount of their CALLS will be CHARGED INTEREST at the rate of \$8 per cent. per Annum from the due date until payment, in accordance with the Articles of Association.  
Hongkong, dated the first day of May, 1889.  
W. H. WALKER,  
Secretary. [527]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.  
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS  
AN INTERIM BONUS of twenty per cent upon contributions for the year 1888 has been declared.  
Warrants may be had on application at the Office of the Society on an after 1st May.  
By Order of the Board,  
N. J. EDE,  
Secretary. [472]

KOWLOON HOTEL.  
J. C. L. ROUGH.....MANAGER.

WINE and SPIRITS of the best quality. ENGLISH & AMERICAN BILLIARD TABLES, BOWLING ALLEYS, TENNIS LAWN.  
Hongkong, 21st January, 1889. [514]

## STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	FROM.	DATE DUE.	AGENTS.
Medea	Trieste	May 10th	Austro-Hung. Lloyd's Co.
Glenfuin	New York	May 11th	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Oxus	Marseilles	May 11th	Messageries Maritimes.
Sutlej	London	May 13th	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Parthia	San Francisco	May 13th	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.
	Vancouver	May 16th	Adamson, Bell & Co.

## STEAMERS LOADING IN HONGKONG.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
London, via Suez Canal	Ajax	Butterfield & Swire	May 9th
London, via Suez Canal	Palinurus	Butterfield & Swire	May 9th, at 4 p.m.
Marseilles, via Saigon, &c.	Irakoudy	Messageries Maritimes.	May 9th, at noon.
Bremen, via Ports of Call.	Bayern	Melchers & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
Venice, via Straits, &c.	Medea	Austro-Hung. Lloyd's Co.	May 14th, at noon.
Genoa, via Bombay, &c.	Bormida	Carlson & Co.	To-morrow, at noon.
San Francisco, via Y'hama	Arabia	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	May 11th, at 4 p.m.
San Francisco, via Y'hama	City of Sydney	Adamson, Bell & Co.	May 14th, at noon.
Vancouver, B.C. via K. &c.	Port Augusta	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	May 11th, at noon.
Sydney and Melbourne	Alghan	Russell & Co.	To-morrow, at 2 p.m.
Singapore, Havre, &c.	Tannadice	Siemsen & Co.	To-morrow, at noon.
Yokohama and Kobe	Niobe	Butterfield & Swire	To-morrow, at noon.
Tientsin	Agamemnon	Butterfield & Swire	May 10th, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai, via Amoy	Sungkiang	Butterfield & Swire	May 9th, daylight.
Manila, via Amoy	Sarpedon	Butterfield & Swire	May 9th, daylight.
Haiphong	Diamond	Russell & Co.	To-morrow, daylight.
Haiphong	Freje	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	May 9th, daylight.
Swatow and Bangkok	Manit	A. R. Marty.	May 9th, daylight.
	Devawongse.	Yuen Fat Hong	To-morrow, at 10 a.m.

## Intimations.

INTIMATION  
F. Blackhead & Co.,  
SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAIL-MAKERS,  
AND  
PROVISION MERCHANTS,  
NAVY CONTRACTORS,  
AND  
GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS  
No. 11, Praya Central.  
(Opposite Pedder's Wharf).

SOLE AGENTS  
for  
RAHTJEN'S  
GENUINE  
COMPOSITION  
FOR  
THE BOTTOMS OF IRON SHIPS  
CARBOLINEUM AVENARIUS  
PRESERVATIVE AGAINST  
ROTTING, DECAY, &c., of WOOD.  
CHR. MOTZ & Co., BORDEAUX, CLARETS.  
IMPERIAL CHAMPAGNE,  
LA GRANDE MARQUE.  
—FLENSBURG STOCKBEER,  
ENGINEERS AND BLACKSMITHS' TOOLS  
AND EVERY KIND OF SHIP'S  
STORES AND REQUISITES  
ALWAYS IN STOCK  
AT  
REASONABLE PRICES.  
ALL KINDS OF  
COALS  
SUPPLIED AT THE SHORTEST NOTICE,  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1889. [52]

FOR SALE.  
AT WHOLESALE PRICES.  
SACCONES' SHERRY; PORT, CLARETS  
BURGUNDY, HOCKS, CHAMPAGNES  
BRANDIES, WHISKIES.  
"EMPIRE" ALE and STOUT.  
MACHINERY, GAS ENGINES, "EMPIRE"  
LUBRICATORS.  
SINGER'S SEWING MACHINES.  
COOKING STOVES, SCALES,  
PAINTS, OILS and VARNISH.  
BICYCLES and TRICYCLES.  
JUVENILE VELOCIPEDE HORSES and  
TRICYCLES.  
BICYCLE WHEELS for JINRICKSHAS.  
SODA WATER MACHINERY.  
JEVE'S SANITARY COMPOUNDS.  
Apply to  
W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,  
Bank Buildings,  
Hongkong, 29th September, 1888. [511]

NOTICE.  
JEVE'S SANITARY COMPOUNDS  
COMPANY, LIMITED.  
THE Undersigned have this day been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the sale of these PERFECT DISINFECTANTS, and are prepared to supply quantities to suit purchasers, at Wholesale Prices, Extra Special terms for Shipping and Large Orders.  
Sir ROBERT RAWLINSON, C.B., Chief Sanitary Engineer, Local Government Board London, says:  
"It is the best Disinfectant in use."  
W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,  
Bank Buildings,  
Hongkong, 1st October, 1888. [512]

CHS. J. GAUPP & CO.,  
CHRONOMETER, WATCH, and CLOCK-MAKERS, JEWELLERS, SILVER-SMITHS, and OPTICIANS.  
CHARTS and BOOKS.  
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.  
Sole Agents for Louis Audemars' Watches, awarded the highest Prizes at every Exhibition, and for Vogelstein and Schott's  
"CELEBRATED OPERA GLASSES."  
MARINE GLASSES and SPYGLASSES.  
No. 8, Queen's Road Central. [507]

NOTICE.  
HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.  
SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS  
are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this HARBOUR none of the COMPANY'S FOREMEN should be at hand, ORDERS FOR REPAIRS, if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.  
In the event of complaints being found necessary, communication with the Undersigned requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.  
D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 20th August, 1888.

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD, WANCHAI.  
OREGON PINE SPARS and LUMBER  
Always on Hand.  
L. MALLORY.  
Hongkong, 24th June, 1889. [564]

A. G. GORDON & CO.  
ENGINEERS, LAUNCH BUILDERS,  
GENERAL AND GOVERNMENT  
CONTRACTORS, IRONMONGERS, COM-  
MISSION AGENTS, VALUATORS, IRON  
and TIMBER-MERCHANTS.  
WORKS:  
BOWRINGTON, EAST POINT.  
OFFICE:  
CORNER OF PEDDER STREET AND PRAYA.  
STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.  
Hongkong, 3rd September, 1888. [522]

Dr. Knorr's  
ANTIPYRINE.  
(Protected by Royal Letters Patent.)  
AN APPROVED REMEDY IN ALL  
CASES OF HEADACHE, MIGRAINE, SEA-  
SICKNESS, RHEUMATIC ATTACKS,  
NEURALGIA, HOOPING-COUGH, &c.  
Dose—5 to 10 grains for Adults.  
Sold by all Chemists in tins. Every tin bears the name of the inventor, Dr. KNORR.  
The Public are requested to ask expressly for Dr. KNORR'S ANTIPYRINE.  
SOLE MANUFACTURERS—FARBWERKE  
VORM. MEISTER, LUCIUS & BRUNING,  
HOFHEIM-AM-MAIN, GERMANY.  
Sole Agents in Hongkong and China—  
JUSTUS LEMBEKE & Co.,  
Hongkong 14th March, 1889. [530]

FOR SALE, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL  
WATERBURY WATCHES,  
the Handiest, Cheapest, and Best  
Time-keepers invented.  
\$3 PRICE THREE DOLLARS EACH \$3  
REPAIRS NEVER EXCEEDED 50 CENTS  
for each Watch.  
Orders from Outports to be accompanied with Remittance for Cost.  
THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,  
(Sole Agents in Japan and China  
for the Sale of the above Watches),  
10, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,  
Opposite Marine House.  
Hongkong, 29th August, 1888. [513]

NOTICE.  
PRIVATE BOARD and RESIDENCE at  
Mrs. BOHM'S, Queen's Road East, No. 135.  
Good accommodation for Families and single parties. Moderate charges.  
P. BOHM.  
GENERAL Employment and Intelligence  
Office, Queen's Road East, No. 135.  
Information given of Situations offered and of suitable applicants for Situations.  
WANTED A 10—20 roomed house in a central position. Offers to be sent to above Office.  
Hongkong, 17th April, 1889. [552]

WANTED.  
CLERK OF WORKS. Applications, stating qualifications and wages, to be sent to  
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.  
Hongkong, 4th May, 1889. [539]

AN ENGLISHMAN (21) WANTS situation in MERCANTILE or INSURANCE OFFICE, either in Hongkong, or out-ports.  
Book-keeping, Shorthand, Reference, and Testimonials.  
Address—  
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.  
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1889. [534]

WANTED.  
PREMISES suitable for a FIRST CLASS PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO in a good central position.  
Offers to be sent to  
M. D. K. GRIFFITH,  
Room 91, Hongkong Hotel.  
Hongkong, 26th April, 1889. [506]

## Intimations.

HONGKONG CLUB.  
AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the CLUB will be held in the CLUB LIBRARY, on MONDAY, 13th May, 1889, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of confirming the Resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting on the 25th April, 1889.  
By Order,  
C. H. GRACE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 2nd May, 1889. [529]

THE RICHMOND TERRACE ESTATE AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.  
NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at its Office over the Hongkong Dispensary on MONDAY, the 13th instant, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager together with a Statement of account to the 31st December, 1888.  
The REGISTER OF SHARES will be CLOSED from Thursday, the 9th instant, to Monday, the 13th inst., both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.  
And notice is further given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the COMPANY will be held at the same place on the same day at a QUARTER AFTER NOON when the following Special Resolution will be proposed:—That the Share Capital of the Company be increased to \$100,000 by the issue of 667 new Shares of \$100 each, and that such new Shares be offered in the first instance on terms to be determined by the General Manager to all the Members on the Register on the 14th day after the Meeting.  
JOHN WILLMOTT,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 4th May, 1889. [538]

A. S. WATSON & CO. LIMITED.  
NOTICE is hereby given that an ORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Hongkong Dispensary on MONDAY, the 13th inst., at THREE O'CLOCK in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December 1888.  
The REGISTER OF SHARES will be CLOSED from Thursday, the 9th inst., to Monday, the 13th inst., both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.  
And notice is further given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the same place on the same day at QUARTER PAST 3 O'CLOCK in the afternoon when the following special resolutions will be proposed:  
1. That the present Shares in the Capital of the Company of \$100 each be subdivided into Shares of Ten Dollars each to admit a wider distribution of the capital of the Company.  
2. That with a view to the extension of the business of the Company and the purchase of additional premises in Queen's Road Central and at Kowloon the capital of the Company be increased to the sum of \$500,000 by the issue of 12,000 new Shares of the value of Ten Dollars each and that such new Shares be disposed of by the General Manager as if they were by the Shares in the original capital of the Company in such manner as such terms and at such premium as he shall in the interest of the Company determine. The amount realized by way of premium to be put to the Permanent Reserved Fund.  
JOHN WILLMOTT,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, 4th May, 1889. [537]

SOCIETE FRANCAISE DES CHARBONNAGES DU TONKIN.  
NOTICE is hereby given, that the FIRST MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS, will be held at the Company's Office, Hongay (Tonquin) on FRIDAY, the Thirtieth day of May, at NOON.  
—BUSINESS—  
To receive the Report on the state of the Mines, and to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors.  
The owners of at least Twenty Shares to be present, in order to have the right of attending the above Meeting, shall deposit their Shares either with the Undersigned, or with the Chief Manager of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, not later than Fifteen Days before the Meeting, and there shall be delivered to them a card of admission to the Meeting.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
ALEXANDER LEVY,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 20th April, 1889. [488]

THE PUNJON AND SUNGHEE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.  
NOTICE is hereby given that the Shareholders who are desirous of taking up the NEW SHARES to which they are entitled in respect of the Shares of which they were the registered holders on the date of the confirmation and in pursuance of the Special Resolution passed on the 4th April, 1889, and confirmed on the 20th April, 1889, must accept the same and pay the sum of \$10 for each New Share so accepted to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, at Hongkong, on or before the 20th day of May instant, after which date the New Shares which shall not then have been accepted will be deemed to be declined.  
Forms of acceptance and Banker's Receipt may be obtained on application at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank or at the Company's Office, No. 9, Queen's Road.  
Dated 2nd day of May, 1889.  
By Order,  
A. O'D. GOURDIN,  
Secretary. [528]

WANTED.  
CLERK OF WORKS. Applications, stating qualifications and wages, to be sent to  
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.  
Hongkong, 4th May, 1889. [539]

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M. D. K. GRIFFITH,  
Room 91, Hongkong Hotel.  
Hongkong, 26th April, 1889. [506]

## Intimations.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.  
NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.  
A FIRST INTERIM BONUS of Twenty per cent upon Contributions for the year 1888 has this day been declared.  
Warrants may be had on application at the above office on and after the 1st proximo.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,  
General Agents,  
Canton Insurance Office, Limited.  
Hongkong, 15th April, 1889. [468]

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN LIQUIDATION.  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS.  
PAYMENT OF 6TH DIVIDEND.  
A 6th DIVIDEND of 6 1/2 % on all claims against the Hongkong Branch of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, which have been approved by the Court of Chancery will be paid at the Offices of the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED, on and after MONDAY, the 18th March next.  
Creditors are requested to apply to the Bank for their Dividends and to produce the letter they hold from the Official Liquidator admitting their claims in order that the payment of the 6th Dividend may be endorsed thereon.

PAYMENT OF FINAL DIVIDEND IN ADVANCE UNDER DISCOUNT.  
THE Official Liquidator, by arrangement with the Assets Realisation Co., is prepared to pay in advance to Creditors willing to receive such payment, IN FULL DISCHARGE OF THEIR CLAIMS the Dividend of 5 1/4 % payable in the year 1890, UNDER A DISCOUNT OF FIVE TWELFTHS PER CENT.  
Creditors who are willing to accept payment of the Final Dividend, less discount as above, are requested to communicate with the Undersigned BEFORE THE END OF THE CURRENT MONTH.  
E. W. RUTTER,  
Agent for the Official Liquidator,  
Oriental Bank Corporation, in Liq.  
2, Queen's Road,  
Hongkong, 6th February, 1889. [176]

THE HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.  
THIS Company is now prepared to Manufacture Machine-Pressed Building BRICKS superior quality, in WHITE or RED CLAY.  
Also SPECIALITIES, such as STRING COURSES, WINDOW HEADS, RIDGES, COPINGS, TILES, EARTHENWARE DRAIN PIPES, GULLIES, CESS-POOLS and other SANITARY FITTINGS.  
FIRE BRICKS and all descriptions of FIRE CLAY GOODS.  
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